

C H A P.
III.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the title of the real property law-fully and fairly acquired by the aforesaid Thomas Webb, whether such title be derived by gift, grant, purchase or devise, be and the same is hereby as amply and as fully vested in the person aforesaid, to all intents and purposes, as if he had been naturalized agreeably to said laws; provided always, that nothing in this act contained shall in any manner defeat or affect any right, title or claim, to the said property, or any part thereof, acquired or prosecuted by any person or persons whatever before the passage of this act; and provided also, that unless the said Thomas Webb shall, on or before the first day of July next, proceed, according to law, to make himself a citizen of the United States, this act shall have no effect to confirm his title to the property above mentioned, nor shall he, or any person claiming under him, derive any benefit under this act, but if the said Thomas Webb shall die before the time when, by the laws of the United States, he may become a citizen thereof, nothing in this proviso contained shall prevent him from transmitting or transferring his said property, by descent or devise, to any issue he may leave residing within the United States, who is hereby declared capable in law to hold the same, or to any other person, being a citizen of the United States, capable in law to hold the same.

C H A P. IV.

Passed 25th of
January, 1806.

An ACT for the relief of Benjamin Gushwa, Martin Rickart and John Manning, of Washington county.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Benjamin Gushwa, Martin Rickart and John Manning, of Washington county, citizens of the United States, that they have lately purchased three different pieces or parts of a tract of land called Poverty Increased, and part of a tract called Poverty, lying in said county, of a certain Stephen Freeman: And whereas some doubts have arisen as to the validity of the title of the said Benjamin Gushwa, Martin Rickart and John Manning, to the said property, in as much as the said Stephen Freeman was never naturalized agreeably to the laws of the United States; therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the title of the said Benjamin Gushwa, Martin Rickart and John Manning, to the aforesaid pieces or parts of a tract of land called Poverty Increased, and part of a tract called Poverty, shall be and the same is hereby made as perfect and complete, to all intents and purposes, as if the said Stephen Freeman had been naturalized agreeably to the laws of the United States before the said purchase was made, any law of this state to the contrary notwithstanding; provided always, that nothing in this act contained shall in any manner defeat or affect any right, title or claim, to the said property, or any part thereof, acquired or prosecuted by any person or persons whatever before the passage of this act.

III. AND, whereas the aforesaid John Manning having also obtained a patent from the state of Maryland for another tract, called Spring Garden, and his title to the same being liable also to be called in question, from his not being naturalized as aforesaid, BE IT ENACTED, That the title of the said John Manning to the said tract of land called Spring Garden, be and the same is hereby as amply and fully vested in him, to all intents and purposes, as if he had been naturalized agreeably to the laws of the United States aforesaid; provided, that nothing contained in this act shall in any manner defeat, or be construed to defeat, any right, title or claim, to the said tract of land, or any part thereof, vested in any other person or persons before the passage of this act.

C H A P. V.

Passed 25th of
January, 1806.

An ACT to change the names of Jacob Sedgwick, Matthias Sedgwick, George Sedgwick and Christian Sedgwick, to the names of Jacob Adreon, Matthias Adreon, George Adreon and Christian Adreon.

WHEREAS Jacob Sedgwick, Matthias Sedgwick, George Sedgwick and Christian Sedgwick, of Baltimore county, have petitioned this legislature that their names may be changed to the names of Jacob Adreon, Matthias Adreon, George Adreon and Christian Adreon; and the prayer of the petitioners being reasonable, therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall and may be lawful for Jacob, Matthias, George and Christian Sedgwick, after the passing of this act, to take upon themselves the surname of Adreon, and also for the descendants of them the said Jacob, Matthias, George and Christian, to take on themselves the surname of Adreon; and the name of the said Jacob, Mat-